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and going "on their faithful way," I am more and more convinced that it is among the ranks of the private duty nurses that we find the greatest measure of the qualifications of the highest type of nurse—"courage and endurance, womanly dignity, tenderness, and professional skill."

B. VANH. S.

BY WAY OF CONTRAST

DEAR EDITOR: I have always enjoyed your magazine, but we are getting too much sliding scale and too much on ideals. No human being could possibly meet the standard, so we will all take for granted we are not good nurses. We are all human and living on earth, not above.

A SUBSCRIBER.

PUBLIC APPEARANCE OF NURSES IN UNIFORM

DEAR EDITOR: I have read with much interest your editorial in the February number on the subject of the nurse's uniform, especially the reference to the sale of Red Cross Christmas stamps by nurses in uniform, and the demand for nurses in uniform at public meetings.

In October, 1908, when the Christmas stamp campaign was being planned in New York City, I had some correspondence on that subject with Mr. Hurd, at that time state field agent of the New York State Branch. In a letter dated October 13, 1908, which I received from Mr. Hurd, he said: "I note your protest against the suggestion to garb Christmas stamp saleswomen in Red Cross nurses' uniform. It did not occur to me that there was anything offensive in the proposal. The suggestion comes from the Delaware Branch and I am forwarding a copy of your words both to Miss Bissell of Wilmington, and to the National Headquarters, in order that they may be given due weight. . . . I do agree with you that whatever the merits of the case, the nurses' feelings should be respected. The matter will be given thorough consideration."

I think this letter proves that the nurses themselves are responsible for the publicity which has been given the uniform.

Furthermore, I recall that in April, 1909, when the Red Cross Nurses' Conference was being planned in New York City, the State Committee on Red Cross Nursing Service sent a communication to all the superintendents of training schools for nurses in New York City and Brooklyn, inviting them to send pupil nurses in school uniform to act as ushers. The number of schools represented in uniform at the Waldorf Astoria on that occasion would lead one to suppose that the superintendents of training schools did not disapprove of this custom. On the other hand, I remember that the question of requiring the enrolled nurses to appear in uniform was dropped by the committee as it was thought probable that if such a ruling was enforced the enrolled nurses would not attend the meeting. I think this demonstrated the willingness of the Red Cross to respect the nurses' feelings in the matter.

Yours truly,

BEATRICE STEVENSON.

HOTEL LIFE OF NURSES

DEAR EDITOR: If a doctor were staying at a hotel with his patient, would any one ever expect him to eat his meals with the hotel employees and the maids of the hotel guests?

This ~~is~~ expected of nurses; and, moreover, nurses do it—nurses who are graduates of good schools and in good standing with their alumnae. To my knowledge, a nurse who had a case in an apartment hotel was told by her patient that she might go to the main dining-room or to the maid's dining-room just as she chose. She elected to go to the maid's dining-room, with the attendants, waitresses, firemen, and engineer.

I have had three reasons given me for this practice: one, that it can't be helped; two, that if a nurse does so, she can keep the case longer, as the expenses will be less for the patient; three, that if the nurse is unwilling to go to the maid's dining-room the patient will speedily get an attendant who does not object.

Sometimes (though I am thankful to say not often) it is the doctor's fault. I have known a fine city physician to advise the nurse to go to the maid's dining-room and to warn her that, if she were unwilling, he could get plenty of nurses who would do it.

Our leaders are nobly striving to raise the art of nursing to a professional basis, yet the majority of the community still regard it as upper class domestic service. That this is so is, I think, in an appreciable degree our own fault. I would like to know what others think on this subject.

SUSAN B. JOHNSON.

REGARDING SILVER CITY

DEAR EDITOR: Your letter of inquiry asking for definite addresses in Silver City to which inquiries as to the need of nurses could be sent has not been answered before, as I did not have the names of the Silver City physicians until now. You may refer to any of these: Dr. O. G. Westlake, Dr. F. P. Whitehill, Dr. G. K. Angle, Dr. N. McLake, Silver City, New Mexico, or Dr. S. S. Peters, Sunnyside Sanatorium, Dr. E. E. Bullock, New Mexico Cottage Sanatorium.

I am hoping some good nurse or nurses will go to this place, as I have heard some very pathetic stories of the difficulties the people have when they need nursing. The operative cases usually come to this hospital or go to Denver. We also have had several obstetrical cases come here because they could not get a nurse. Six hundred miles is a long way to have to travel when you are sick.

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"HOW TO BECOME A TRAINED NURSE"

DEAR EDITOR: Will you kindly allow me to add a word in support of Miss Pindell's statement in the January JOURNAL in regard to the value to the nursing profession of the book entitled "How to Become a Trained Nurse." I have found the publication in question of the greatest use to me in my work of selecting nurses for examination for the naval service. Reference to it frequently furnishes me with information which would otherwise require much tedious correspondence to obtain and I regret to hear that the publisher is experiencing such difficulty in securing the necessary data for the revised edition of the book.

It may not be amiss to mention another instance that has recently come to my knowledge in regard to the difficulty of obtaining information of this character. Over a year ago I went in person to the United States Bureau of Education in Washington to request a copy of the report of the Commissioner of Education